

Growth In Tourist Traffic

Thousands in Foreign Cars Came to Canada Last Year

Foreign automobiles to the number of 4,068,000 reported into Canada last year for touring purposes, it was announced in a statement released by Hon. W. D. Bahr, Minister of National Revenue. This was an increase of 863,253 cars over 1923. Every province enjoyed a substantial growth in tourist traffic.

A feature of the report is the increase of over 150,000 in the number of cars which remained in Canada for some considerable time. Last year 1,029,801 foreign cars entered Canada under 60-day permits, and 1,204 others came in for longer periods than that. The remainder of the 4,068,000 came in for a period not exceeding 24 hours. In 1923 the number of cars which came in under the 60-day permit totaled 945,545.

Even at an estimate of three persons to each car the above figures are impressive as to the number of people from the United States who visited this country last year. The totals will set statisticians figuring the amount of money this multitude left in the country and emphasize the great importance to Canada of the tourist traffic.

"Ontario is the banner tourist province in the Dominion," says the report's statement. "Of the total visit (2,563,500), over 75 per cent. (2,063,000) of the overall tourist vehicle visiting Canada last year, the Ontario ports. Of the increase over all the Dominion of 863,253, 743,333 is accounted for by the increase in that province. Quebec had a gain of over 250,000; British Columbia, 150,000; Alberta, 17,000; New Brunswick, 20,000; and Saskatchewan, 3,000."

Canada Steadily Advancing

Has Made Wonderful Progress in Past Five Years

Canada will mark its nationhood on its own history and within the Empire rather than its identity in the great mass of energy to the south of it. Said Col. J. H. Woods, Calgary publisher and president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in an address to the Toronto Board of Trade Club.

Canadians had in the past, he contended, been more inclined to admire the progress of the United States than to ponder on that of their own country. This Dominion, he said, had advanced more in the past five or seven years than the United States had advanced in 20 years during any period in its history.

"Today," said Col. Woods, "Canada is pressing on towards the future, finding that climate is not merely a matter of latitude and that there is both wealth and romance to be found there. Some 250,000 miles of country in the north of Canada had recently been explored by airplanes. Col. Woods said. By the old method of exploration this would have taken almost a decade.

Col. Woods paid tribute to the work being done by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in knitting the Dominion together.

One On The Banker

H. W. Stradley is fond of telling this story: A man went into a bank to borrow \$5,000. The banker knew he was all right, but sought to try him out.

"Tell me," said the banker, "which of my eyes is the glass one. If you guess correctly you get the loan."

The customer looked intently for a moment and said, "The right one is glass."

"Correct," said the banker, "but how did you guess?"

"Because I looked kinder like the other one," was the quick response.

A humming bird not much larger than a common house fly often is seen in many East Indian countries.

In South American countries the school year begins in March or April and closes in November or December.

"Why are you crying?" "That boy tried to throw a snowball at me."

"But it didn't hit me."

"No, but it did me."—Pugsley Gales, Yverdon.

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Fewer Wild Horses In British Columbia

Roundups Are Saving Grazing Land For Domesticated Stock

The bunch grass plains of British Columbia are gradually being cleared of wild horses. Every year roundups are held at which several thousand of the animals are captured and some of them later sold and mounts or farm horses and the others destroyed.

This winter, with a special inducement offered the horse wranglers, the catch is likely to be larger than ever. J. W. Durno, of Calgary, offered to pay 50 cents per hundredweight for wild horses at shipping point for any number up to 1,000 head.

At the price offered, a 500-pound horse would fetch \$450, which would be found money to the owner, while the clearance of the horses would leave so much more feed on the range for the profitable stock.

Mr. Durno has not stated how he intends to dispose of the horses, but it is believed that the hams may be exported to European countries, such as Belgium and France, where horseflesh is in demand and the remainder of the carcasses may be turned into fertilizer.

Many of the wild horses are unsterilized, crippled or otherwise useless for riding or harness purposes. They represent the offspring of horses taken to the north by operators of pack trains and teams on the Cariboo road and other old highways during the early days of the fur trade. For many years they have been a menace to the range country as a result of their incursions on grazing land and their influence on domesticated stock.

Early Measurements

Distance Was Determined By Ancients In Many Ways

Early measurements were derived from different parts of the human body. One was a fathom—approximately the distance between the hands of a man standing with arms outstretched. Another was the cubit, a cubit being the length of the forearm, and the ell the distance between the ends of the thumb and the little finger. The cubit, the ell, the palm of the hand, the digit, the breadth of the finger, the Roman foot was subdivided into four palmi, and the palm into four digits. The division into inches or uncia, a twelfth part, applied not only to the foot but to anything. For longer measures there was still less system. One finds the Hebrew's half-day's journey, the Chinese cub, the distance a man's voice can be heard upon an open plain; the Greek stadium, derived from the length of the race course; the Roman pace of five feet; the furlong, the length of a furrow. The mille passus, a thousand paces, the origin of the modern mile, in 1774 the inch is defined in English law as the length of "three barley corns, round and dry."

Where Britain Gets Bronze For Medals

All Victoria Crosses Cast From Guns Captured During Crimean War

Every Victoria Cross, no matter in what war and in what part of the world it is won, is a link with the Crimean War. For each of the bronze medals "for valor" is cast from guns which were captured by this country during the Crimean War. The War Office keeps a supply of this material, and when a V.C. is awarded it sends along with the order for the cross, together with a piece of Crimean bronze, to the firm which makes the decorations. Each cross is cast separately, the design and the famous legend "For Valor" being added afterwards. Originally, only white troops could wear V.C.s, but since 1911, it has been open to Indian soldiers too; and since 1920, to women or, in certain circumstances, to civilians.

There is only one foreign V.C.—Mr. T. D. Dimeson, of Copenhagen; and only one case in which the coveted cross has not been awarded for some definite exploit. This was the V.C. laid on the War Memorial at Washington, on Memorial Day, eight years ago, and dedicated to the American Unknown Warrior.

Bailed Out

The skipper of the Popes Roys was interrogating a prospective recruit.

"So you want to play in our team?" he asked. "Are you any good as a goalie?"

"Oh, I'm passable," was the modest answer.

"Then you won't do!" snapped the skipper. "We want some one who isn't passable."

Calder—"Are you sure the manager is not in?"

Office Boy—"Do you doubt his word, sir?"

Potato Once Food Only Of Wealthy

Lower Classes Knew Of It Just By Hearsay

"Tish" lowly potato, nicknamed "tish" by some, whose more than 30,000,000 bushel annual production in the United States is the root of so serious an agricultural problem that the federal farm board has set it apart for special treatment, is a native of America, like corn and tobacco. The Incas, of Peru, had it under cultivation centuries before the Spanish invasion.

The tuber's history, from the time it was an important food in its last South American civilization, as prehistoric mounds show, was traced through a slow rise to its present day place of prominence next to bread, by William Stuart, of the U.S. Bureau of Plant Industry.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beck, returned on Tuesday from a few days visit at Oyen, Alta.

Ira Clarke, who has been visiting in the States arrived back on Friday last.

The Ladies of the Congregation will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Miller at 3 o'clock, April 3rd.

A Wheat Pool meeting was held last Wednesday and drew a good attendance. Moving pictures were shown in connection therewith.

Citizens in general were very sorry to learn of the illness of Mrs. S. O. Clarkson during the past week. She is at present at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Westcott, of Assiniboia Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perrier, who have spent the winter months here with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller, returned to Swift Current this week. Their grandson, Robt. Miller, accompanied them.

The regular monthly meeting of the I.O.O.F. will be held at the home of Mrs. MacPherson on Tuesday, April 1st at 3 p.m.

The W. A. of St. Mary's Anglican Church, will hold their annual Easter tea and sale of cut flowers and potted plants and home cooking on Saturday, April 10th. Order for flowers and plants may be left with Mrs. Luth.

At Ottawa—cont.

The School Lands and the School Land funds shall be transferred to the Province for the support of Schools organized and carried on therein in accordance with the laws of the Province.

Water power and fisheries shall be under the control of the Province.

All lands included in Indian Reserves within the Province shall be administered by Canada, but Water Powers within the Reserves may be turned over to the Province. Also Soldier Settlement Lands in the Province, upon which any advance has been made by the Dominion, shall continue to be vested in and administered by the Government of Canada.

Forest Reserves shall be under the Province, but the following National Parks shall be under the control of the Dominion, Buffalo, Elk, Banff, Jasper, and Mount Assiniboine.

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For the present the Dominion will pay the Province \$562,000 when the population of Alberta reaches 800,000, the amount payable will be \$750,000; and when the population reaches 1,200,000, the amount payable shall be \$1,125,000. In this respect the Dominion has yielded greatly, as previously the subsidy was paid in lieu of the resources, and never before were both resources and subsidy offered.

A special committee of three members has been agreed on to settle the amount payable to the Province for resources that have been allocated for public parks sites. This agreement, if ratified by the Dominion and the Imperial Parliament, will place Alberta in a position of equality with the other Provinces.

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Richards—That offer of A. G. Rodd be accepted to rent N.W. 127-28 W. 3. for three years, subject to sale.

The schools committee examined the school estimates. The Corporation of various schools in regard to financing their requirements this year will be of considerable assistance.

Montgomery—That estimates submitted be passed.

Hawthorn—That a copy of the letter from the Highway Dept. rehours of Relief Work and Secretary's wages in connection with same be published in the local papers.

Dahl—That the owners of the Orange Hall be asked to put in sufficient shares, so that all members of the Council can have a sitting place at the table.

Richards—That the Western Municipal News be subscribed for for the current year.

Betty—That account of A. W. H. be paid, \$8 being allowed for same.

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